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Dear Chair Currie and Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on potential adoption of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT), Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) and Heavy-Duty Omnibus (HDO) regulations for Illinois. These regulations would provide tremendous benefits to our constituents and our environment, and I urge the Board to adopt them without delay.

Reducing pollution and emissions is necessary for the health of our families and our communities. The American Lung Association gives the entire Chicago region a failing grade for air quality. At yesterday's hearing, you heard about the impacts of air pollution on the lives and health of people in Illinois. A large number of those who spoke were personally impacted or had family members with asthma or lung disease, caused or exacerbated by poor air quality. This is not surprising given the above average rate of asthma in Chicago, and the poor air quality in our entire region.

Transportation is one of the top three sources of both air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in our region. We must take action quickly if we are to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Other states have acted decisively, setting a model for Illinois to join. With the federal government seeking to reduce vehicle emission standards, Illinois must step up to protect the health of its residents and the environment.

Adopting ACC II, ACT and HDO regulations will improve air quality and provide us the freedom to breathe clean air, while also helping Illinois to meet its climate goals. These regulations require escalating percentages of vehicles purchased to be 100% electric by 2035, with interim annual goals, providing Illinois with formal targets to significantly reduce both air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation.

Adopting these standards has economic benefits for Illinois residents and businesses. The lower maintenance and fuel costs of electric vehicles would reduce transportation fuel costs. Illinois' electric vehicle industry would benefit from producing these vehicles, creating jobs and contributing to the Illinois economy.

The City of Highland Park was one of the first Illinois municipalities to sign on to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, formalizing the City's commitment to measurable greenhouse gas reductions. The City has assessed emissions to make changes that are data driven and will have the biggest impact. Operational cost savings often offset the higher upfront cost. For Highland Park and other municipalities, ACC II, ACT and HDO will provide access to cleaner, all electric versions of vehicles in the municipal fleet in order to enable us to reduce air pollution

and meet our climate goals.

Please adopt the ACC II, ACT and HDO regulations to reduce air pollution and improve the health and environment of Illinois.

Thank you for your service to the people of Illinois.

Sincerely,  
Kim Stone  
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Co Chair, Go Green Illinois

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I use the pronouns she/her/hers.